

Questions Received for RFA Number M/OAA/GH/POP-09-1031, Human Resources for Health and Quality Services (HRHQS)

1. Are Bangladesh research organizations eligible to be partners (with USA organizations) of that project?

Yes

2. Please consider that any references to Ethiopia as a case study be excluded from the response to the RFA because competing entities have very recently conducted HRH related work in that country that may be considered proprietary by either.

USAID agrees to exclude Ethiopia from consideration as a case study example.

3. Are academic institutions eligible?

Yes academic institutions are eligible.

4. Is this intended to be a single program budgeted for \$300,000,000?

USAID intends to make a single award, but reserves the right fund any or none of the applications. However, there is not a guarantee of \$300,000,000 in funding; rather, this is the maximum possible funding over 5 years.

5. Would it make sense for our consortium to partner as a subcontractor with an entity that is applying for the full program?

USAID cannot provide advice on your individual situation. You as the applicant will have to determine how you want to apply to this program.

6. Is this RFA open to UK based international charities who have a 501(c)(3) status via a third party in the US?

Non-U.S. Organizations can apply to this RFA only if they are teaming with a prime U.S. Organization. Please refer to page 1, paragraph 1 of the RFA.

7. On page 11 the RFA states "Applicants shall provide the names of the key individuals responsible for preparing the technical application, the specific sections of the proposal to which each contributed, and the appropriate percentage of the final document that each individual contributed". It is not clear if applicants need to provide this information in the annex to the proposal or in the proposal itself and in what format. It is expected to have a list of all contributors and the sections they worked on? Does this include the prime and subcontractors?

Please provide this information as an annex. Please include prime as well as the subcontractor information.

8. USAID has requested that offerors budget for \$4 million core funding plus an illustrative \$12 million in field funds, totaling \$16 million in year one. Does USAID have a suggested amount for years 2-5 that offerors should use in budgeting for this application?

No, as long as the final budget reflects the project ceiling.

9. USAID has asked for a case study to be written with given dollar targets for activities (Case Study #2). Does USAID expect this to be budgeted for in the illustrative budget for year one under the \$12 million field funds?

The case study budget is a separate exercise using the amounts given there; it is not to be included in the 5-year illustrative budget, specifically for year one and its \$12 million in field support funds.

10. On p. 13 , offerors are requested to budget for 12M Field (75%) and 4M Core (25%), however on p. 60 the percentage split is given as 14/86 for Core/Field. Could USAID clarify which is correct?

Both sets of numbers are correct. Historically, centrally managed projects have a higher core to field support ratio in their first year than subsequent years; this is illustrated on p. 13. The percentages on p. 60 are indicative of the anticipated split over the life of the project which should lean towards more field support than core.

11. The RFA did not specify a delivery address. Can you provide a specific delivery address for applications?

Applications should be mailed to the following:

Via U.S. Mail

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* Check in at Visitor's Desk and call
Alisa Dunn at (202) 712-0908.

12. We are unsure about the requirement to locate staff in Washington D.C. Would that requirement keep us from being eligible for this funding notice?

No, not proposing to locate staff in Washington D.C. would not keep you from being eligible as it is strongly recommended, not required.